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sin gle (sing/gel), adj., v., gled., gling, n. —adj. 1. one only; only one in number; sole: a single example. 2. of, pertaining to or sultable for one person only: a single bed. 3. unique; solitary: He was the single suraisor. 4. unmarried. 5. pertaining to the unmarried state. 6. of one against one, as combat or light. 7. consisting of only one part, element, or member: a single lens. 8. sincere; honest; undivided: single denotion. 9. separate: individual. 10. uniform; applicable to all. 11. (of a flower) having only one set of petals. 12. Brit. of only moderate strength or body, as ale or beer. 13. (of the eye) seeing rightly. —v. 1. 14. to pick or choose out from others (usually fol. by uti): to single out a fact for special mention. 18. Baseball. a. to cause the advance of (a base runner) by a one-base hit. b. to cause (a run) to be scored by a one-base hit. 7. Obs. (of a horse) to go at single-foot. —n. 18. one person or thing: a single one. 19. an accommodation for one person, as a hotel room, cabin on a ship, etc. 20. Also called one-base hit. Baseball. a base hit that enables a batter to reach first base safely. 21. singles, (construed as singl.) a match with one player on each side. 22. Golf, twosome (def. 4). 23. Cricket. a hit for which one run is scored. 24. Informal. a one-dollar bill: a five and five singles. [late ME; ME sengle < MF < L single-acting (sing/gel ak/sha). adj. (of a frearm) requiring the cocking of the hammer before firing each shot. a single-action revolver.

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single-bond', Chem. a chemical linkage consisting of one covalent bond between two atoms of a molecule, represented in chemical form

sented in chemical formulas by one line or two vertical dots, as C-H or C-H.

sin-gle-breast-ed (sing/gal bres/tid), adj. (of a garment, esp, a coat or jacket) having a single button or row of outtons in front for the center closing. Cf. double-breasted.

sin-gle-cross (sing/gal kros/.-kros/), n. Genetics. a cross-between two inbred lines.

sin/gle cut/, Jeweiry, a simple form of brilliant cut, having eight facets above and eight facets below the girdle. Also called half-brilliant cut, eight facets below the girdle. Also called half-brilliant cut, adj. noting a file having a series of parallel cutting ridges in one direction only.

sin/gle-cut (sing/gal kut/), adj. noting a file having a series of parallel cutting ridges in one direction only.

sin/gle en/try, Bookkeeping a simple accounting system noting only amounts owed by and due to a business. Cf. double entry. —sin/gle-en/try, adj.

sin/gle file/, a line of persons or things arranged one behind the other; Indian file.

sin-gle-foot (sing/gal foot/), n. 1. rack* —o.i. 2. (of a horse) to go at a rack.

sin-sie-hand-ed (sing/gal han/did): adj. 1. accomplished

sin-gle-foot (sing/gal foot/), n. 1. rack³.—c.i. 2. (of a horse) to go at a rack.

sin-gle-hand-ed (sing/gal han/did), adj. 1. accomplished or done by one person alone; unaided. 2. having, using, or requiring the use of only one hand or one person.—adv. 3. by oneself; alone; without aid.—sin/gle-hand/ed-ly, adv.—sin/gle-hand/ed-ness, n.

sin-gle-heart-ed (sing/gal här/tid), adj. sincere and undivided in leeling or spirit; dedicated.

sin-gle-mind-ed (sing/gal här/tid), adj. 1. having or showing a single aim or purpose: a single-minded program. 2. dedicated; steadfast.—sin/gle-mind/ed-ly, adv.—sin/gle-mind/ed-ness, n.

sin-gle-ness (sing/gal nis), n. the state or quality of being single.

sin gle-ness (sing/gol nis), n. the state or quality of being single-phase (sing/gol faz/), adj. Elect. noting or pertaining to a circuit having an alternating current with one phase or with phases differing by 180°.

sin/gle quotes/, one pair of single quotation marks, written as (*) and used esp. for a quotation within another quotation: He said, "I told you to say 'Open sesame' when you want to enter the mountain." Cf. double quotes.

sin.gle-shot (sing/gol shot/), adj. (of a firearm) requiring loading before each shot, not having a cartridge magazine.

sin.gle-space (sing/gol spas/), s., -spaced, -spac-ing.

-z.l. to type (copy) on each line space. -z.l. 2. to type copy leaving no blank spaces between lines.

sin/gle Span/ish bur/ton, a tackle having a runner as well as the fall supporting the load. See diag, at tackle.

sin/gle stand/ard, 1. a single set of principles or rules applying to everyone; as a single moral code applying to both men and women. Cf. double standard. 2. monometallism.

sin gle-stick (sing/gol stik/), n. 1. a short, heavy stick. 2. (formerly) a. a wooden stick held in one hand, used instead of a sword in fencing. b. fencing with such a stick.

sin glet (sing/gil), n. Chiefy Brit. a man's undershirt or jersey.

sin/gle tape/. See under magnetic tape.

jersey.
sin'gle tape'. See under magnetic tape.
sin'gle tax', Econ. a tax, as on land, that constitutes the sole source of public revenue.—sin'gle-tax', adj.
sin gle-ton (sing'gel tan), n. 1. something occurring singly.
2. Cards. a card that is the only one of a sult in a hand:
sin gle-track (sing'gel trak'), adj. having a narrowscope; one-track: a single-track mind.
sin-gle-tree (sing'gel tre'), n. whiffletree. [var. of swinoletree]

sin/gle whip/. See under whip (def. 20). See diag. at

tackle. sin.gly (sing/glč), adv. ...1. apart from others; separately. 2. one at a time; as single units. 3. single-handed; alone. [ME

senglely]

Sing: song (sing/sông/.-song/), n. 1. verse, or a piece of verse; of a jingling or monotonous character.—2. monotonous rhythmical cadence, tone, or sound. 3. Brit. a group sing.

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sing-spiel (sing'spiel'; Ger. zing'shpël'), n. a German
opera. esp. of the 18th century, using spoken dialogue. [<
cli>gliu., sing-play]
Sin-gu-lar (sing'gys-lar), adj. 1. extraordinary; remarkable; exceptional: a singular success. 2. unusual or strange;

za'tion, n. sinh (sinch), n. Math. hyperbolic sine. [sin(E) + h(YPER-

Sin-ha-lese (sin/hə lēz/, -lēs/), adj., n., pl. -lese. Singha-

sin in its lesse (sin' i siz', -ies'), adj., n., pl. -iese. Singnalese.

Sin'i-cism (sin'i siz', sin), n. something characteristic of or peculiar to the Chinese. [Sinic Chinese (< ML Sinic(us) < MGk Sinik6s = LGk Sin(ai) the Chinese + -ikos -ic) + -ism [Sining (shē/niñg'), n. a city in and the capital of Chinghai, in W China. 300,000 (est. 1957). Also, Hsining.

sin-is-ter (sin'i star), adj. 1. threatening or portending evil, harm, or trouble; ominous. 2. malevolent; evilly intended. 3. Heraldry, noting the side of an escutcheon or achievement of arms that is to the left of the hypothetical bearer (opposed to dexter). 4. Archaic. of or on the left side; left. [late ME < L; on the left hand or side, hence unfavorable, injurious (from the Roman belief that unfavorable omens appear, on one's left)] —sin'is-ter-ly, adv. —Syn. 1. inauspicious, portentous. —Ant. 1. benign.

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mauspicious, porcentous. —Ant. 1. benign.

sinistr-, a learned borrowing from Latin meaning "left,"

"on the left," used in the formation of compound words:

sinistrous. Also, esp. before a consonant, sinistro-.

sinistr-, s. of sinistr-)

sin-18-tral (sin'i stral), adj. 1. of, pertaining to, or on the
left side; left (opposed to destral). 2. left-handed. [late ME

< ML sinistral(s)] —sin'is-trally, adv.

ML sinistral(is) —ein'se-trally, 2d. left-handed. [late ME sin-is-trally, adv. sin-is-tro-gy-ra-tion (sin'i stro') i ra'shen, si nis'tro-), n. Optics, Chem. levorotation. —sin-is-tro-gy-ric (sin'i stro-ji'rik), adj.

of or pertaining to the Chinese, their language, or their culture. [< LL Sin(ae) the Chinese (< LGR Sinai) + -rric] Sink (singk), v., sank or, often, sunk; sunk or sunk-en; sink-ing; n. -v.i.-1. to fall, drop, or descend gradually, to a lower level 2. to go down toward or below the horizon. 3. to slope downward; dip. 4. to displace the volume of an underlying substance or object and become submerged or partially submerged (often fol. by in or into): The battleship sank within two hours. His foot sank in the mud. 5. to fall or collapse slowly from weakness, fatigue, etc.: 6. to become absorbed in or gradually to enter a state or condition (usually fol. by in or into): to sink into slumber. 7. to pass or fall into some lower state or condition. 8. to fall in physical strength or health. 9. to become lower in loudness tone, or pitch. 10. to enter or permeate the mind; become known or understood (usually fol. by in or into): I repeated it till the words sank in. 11. to become hollow, as the cheeks. 12. to sit, recline; or lie (usually fol. by down, in, on, etc.): He sank down on the bench.

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—ot. 13. to cause to fall, drop, or descend gradually. 14. to cause to become submerged. 15. to lower or depress the level of. 16. to bury plant, or lay (a pipe, conduit, etc.) into or as into the ground. 17. to bring to a worse or lower state or status. 18. to reduce in amount, extent, intensity, etc. 19. to lower in loudness, tone, or pitch. 20. to invest in the hope of making a profit or gaining some other return. 21. to dig, bore, or excavate (a hole, shaft, well, etc.).

—n. 22. a basin or receptacle connected with a water supply, used for washing. 23. a low-lying, poorly drained area where waters collect or disappear by sinking down into the ground or by evaporation. 24. sinkhole (def. 2). 25. a place of vice or corruption. 26. a drain or sewer. 27. any pond or pit for sewage or waste, as a cesspool or a pool for industrial wastes. [ME OE sinc(an); c. D zinken, G sinken, Icel sökkna, Goth singan] sink: age (sing/kij), n. the act, process, or an amount of sinking.

usually a bond issue.

sink/ing. spell/, a temporary decline, as in health.

sin-less (sin/lis), adj. free from or without sin: [ME_sinles, OE synRas]

sinles, OE synRas]

sin.ner (sin/ər), n. a person who sins; transgressor. [ME]